

DANIEL:

Resolved Faith



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Resolved: (adjective)

**Firm in purpose or intent;
determined.**

*“Servants, who trust in God, and... yield up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.”
(Daniel 3:28)*

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A small illustration of a shepherd in a brown tunic and hat, holding a staff and standing next to a white sheep. The entire cover is decorated with colorful icons of a camel, a palm tree, a lyre, a donkey, and a bird.

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My God
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Daniel 6:22



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Because we know the ending, it is easy to forget how frightening this story is!

Serious Questions:

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What happens when obedience to God puts us under pressure?

Daniel 6 is NOT teaching us

- That God will *always* rescue from danger.
- That *if we have enough faith* no harm will come to us.
- That *all* difficult situations will end with triumph in this life.

Resolved faith is NOT about God giving me the outcome I want but recognising that God is worthy of my trust whatever the outcome! *(cf. Daniel 3:18)*

Daniel 6 teaches us: Resolved faith...

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2. Stands firm when threatened.
3. Trusts the God who saves.

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¹It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.

³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

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- **Because God is sovereign Daniel's life, integrity & work matters!**

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⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

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- **Our lives can either commend the message of the gospel or undermine it.**

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⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

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- Sometimes **we can be tempted to compromise** when faithfulness becomes costly.
- Or **we can be tempted to become combative;** as though the goal is to win the fight rather than to honour God.

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- Darius is powerless to change the outcome & rescue Daniel from the lions. (v.15-16)

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Darius	Daniel
In the royal palace	In the lion's den
Has power, wealth, servants & status; yet cannot sleep	Has lions, stone & the sentence of death; yet no hint of panic
His anxiety shows the limits of earthly power	His deliverance will show the extent of God's power

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¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

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²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² **My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me,** because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

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Hebrews 11:32-35a

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again...

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A faithful servant	The perfectly faithful Son
Targeted by jealous enemies	Handed over to envious leaders
Condemned though no fault can be found in his public service.	Declared innocent yet sentenced to crucifixion
Place in a pit, sealed with a stone.	Laid in a tomb with a stone rolled across the entrance.
Emerges alive at dawn.	Rises on the third day, defeating

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Daniel	Jesus
Spared from death	Willingly entered into death
Rescued because he was innocent & trusted his God	Was truly innocent, yet died for those who are guilty
Came out of the lion's den to continue his earthly life	Came out of the tomb as the risen Lord, never to die again
His rescue was a sign of God's power	His resurrection is the very centre of God's salvation plan

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- What we ultimately need is not a rescue from the lion's den, but rescue from sin, judgement & death.
- We need forgiveness, righteousness & a true king whose kingdom will never end
- We need a saviour who can bring us safely to God.
- **God has given us that saviour we need in the person & work of Jesus.**

So what?

- If you are not yet a Christian...
 - Don't just admire Daniel's courage
 - Come to Daniel's God – He is the living god who saves!
- If you are a Christian...
 - Let these truths in Daniel 6 strengthen your confidence
 - Know that your life is hidden with Christ in God

Daniel 6:26-27

²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

“For he is the living God and he endures forever;
his kingdom will not be destroyed,
his dominion will never end.

²⁷ He rescues and he saves;
he performs signs and wonders
in the heavens and on the earth.
He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”